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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF SHIFT
IN COMPOSITION OF FOOTWEAR IMPORTS

REF: (A) SEOUL 4094, (B) STATE 102608

1. EMBOFF MET WITH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, KOREAN FOOTWEAR EXPORTERS ASSN., MAY 18, AND EXPLAINED U.S. CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN ASSURING THAT A LIMITATION ON EXPORTS OF NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR EXPORTS TO THE U.S. FROM KOREA WOULD NOT RESULT IN INCREASE IN RUBBER FOOTWEAR EXPORTS, NOTING THAT SINCE CONGRESS COULD HAVE FINAL SAY IN EVENTUAL DECISION ON U.S. RESTRICTIONS, ITS CONCERN WARRANTED CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION.

2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SAID THAT IN HIS OPINION THERE WOULD BE NO GREAT DIFFICULTY IN SHIFTING FROM NON-RUBBER PRODUCTION, CERTAINLY MUCH LESS DIFFICULTY THAN WOULD BE THE CASE IN THE U.S. SINCE KOREAN FACTORY MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT IS MUCH MORE MODERN. HE SAID HE WAS QUITE CERTAIN THIS WOULD NEVER HAPPEN, HOWEVER, FOR THREE PRACTICAL REASONS. FIRST, DEMAND FOR RUBBER FOOTWEAR IN THE U.S. IS DECLINING. SECOND, RUBBER

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FOOTWEAR IS SUBJECT TO AMERICAN SELLING PRICE (ASP) DUTY ASSESSMENT RATHER THAN F.O.B. ASSESSMENT, MAKING RUBBER FOOTWEAR MUCH MORE EXPENSIVE. THIRD, KOREAN RUBBER FOOTWEAR EXPORTS TO THE U.S. HAVE BEEN SUBJECT TO VOLUNTARY RESTRAINTS SINCE 1973.
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